

east and south of Myton in Duchesne County.

Aside from what Jessup Thomas contributed to the livestock industry, he has also endeared himself in the hearts of all who have known him. Besides raising two families of his own he also gave several other boys and girls the comforts of his home. He afforded them with the necessary things of life and helped them to receive educations.

It is a fact that Jessup has never turned an individual down who was in need and loaned money to total strangers when they stated their real needs. Because of his kindness and the helping hand he has always extended, hundreds of western people love and admire him.

On October 26, 1899 he married Eunice Lindsay and they became the parents of five children, all whom survived their mother, Eunice who died February 8, 1919. The children of this union are Alta Eliza, who married Dr. N. F. Hicken; Jessup Roland who married Beatrice Spencer; Ora M. who married Otto E. Johnsen; Darrell died at the age of thirteen and Velda who died at the age of 22 months.

In 1921 Jessup married Irene Cope and five children were born to this marriage. They are Ina who married Earl Van Tassel; Weston who married Alice Marie Buckalew; Irene who married Earl Griffiths; Royal Cope, and Linda Lee who married Dale Gines.

## HEBER GILES AND MATILDA NICOL CROOK



Heber Giles Crook was born Sept. 18, 1861 at Heber, a son of John and Mary Giles Crook. He married Matilda Nicol, daughter of Thomas Nicol IV and Joanna Christina Handberg on Dec. 14, 1887. Matilda was born April 18, 1868 in Heber. Their children included LeOra and Edna who died in

infancy; Hannah Cecelia (Mrs. Warren Jones); John Thomas, married Annie Harvey; Mary (Mrs. Louis Mahoney); Chase Nicol, married Lila Allison; Jennie (Mrs. Wallace Nelson); Dora (Mrs. Walter Fisher) Reed Giles and Blanch. Heber died April 23, 1941 and Matilda died Feb. 12, 1956.

Heber or "Hebe" as he was known, grew up in the West Ward of Heber, learning as a small boy to herd cattle and take care of crops. He also worked as a boy in the Lake Creek sandstone quarry. He helped his parents clear the land of sagebrush and turn it into serviceable farm acreage.

The first year after his marriage, Hebe worked at Park City in James Rasband's butcher shop. He decided he did not care for this work and would rather farm, so he traded his home in Heber and \$5,000 for William Murdock's 160 acre farm in Lake Creek, where he moved with his family.

He came to be known as one of the pioneers in agriculture in Wasatch County. He had grown up with the earth and loved it. He had one of the best kept farms in the valley, and raised fruits and berries of all varieties, and was one of the first men to operate a big orchard. He became very proficient in grafting buds of improved species and varieties of trees into the old trees that had become acclimated to the valley. He also raised grains, hay and many other crops, in addition to his cattle interests. He was also in the sheep business with J. W. Giles.

A very close friendship developed between Heber Crook and Elisha Duke that lasted more than 65 years. The two families and others would go camping in the mountains for two weeks every year, an event which their youngsters keenly looked forward to.

A humanitarian, Heber Crook was always willing to help less fortunate persons, and even in the dead of winter would travel long distances to help those who might be stranded, ill or otherwise needed assistance.

He served in many civic capacities, including a school trustee and director of a water company. He was a member of livestock organizations and served for many years as a volunteer weather observer. He took part in activities of the Center Ward where he was Sunday School superintendent.

He turned his farm over to his boys in 1915 and moved to the Heber First Ward with his wife. Together they spent many hours in temple work, Church activities, and yard and gardening work. They later moved

into the Matt Clements home in the Second Ward, where they planted trees, flowers, a vegetable garden and had plenty of room for their grandchildren to play.

Matilda, "Tillie," or "Aunt Til" as she was called, learned responsibility early in her life. At the age of nine she would stay with her sister Josephine, whose husband Alva Murdock, worked away from home. One night as she was returning home from her sister's place, she bumped into an old hay rack, bruising her leg badly below the knee. This accident caused her much pain and suffering, and in her later life she had to undergo a series of operations. But through her faith and the power of the priesthood, she was able to retain the use of her leg throughout her life.

As a girl Tillie learned to work around the house. Her mother was a practical nurse and was away from home a lot, so Tillie did much of the work. In the year 1886 she went to White Rocks to live with her sister Josephine, while her brother-in-law managed the Indian Reservation. She returned home in the spring of 1887 to prepare for marriage to Heber, and they were married in the Logan Temple.

After moving to Lake Creek, Matilda took an active part in Church work, teaching classes and conducting the singing. She was a very graceful dancer and taught many young people the various steps. She was also active in Relief Society and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

After her husband's death in 1942 she continued to maintain her home in Heber, though she traveled occasionally to visit her family before her death in 1956.

